

The Maltings and Central Car Park, Project Update for Salisbury Area Board, 27 June 2013

Introduction

- This briefing note has been developed for the purpose of bringing members of the Salisbury Area Board up to date with the current status of the Maltings and Central Car Park scheme.
- Stanhope was selected by Wiltshire Council in May 2012 as the preferred developer for the scheme following a competitive tender process.
- An initial period of stakeholder and political consultation culminated in a public exhibition held in December 2012 at which members of the public were given the opportunity to offer their feedback on the draft proposals.
- The next step in the process is to sign the development agreement, which is a legal agreement between Wiltshire Council and Stanhope setting out obligations on both sides.

Public consultation

- Stanhope fully acknowledges the very real benefit of meaningful pre-application consultation as a way of obtaining valuable input from the local community to help inform the preparation of a final planning application(s).
- The first of two public exhibitions planned for The Maltings and Central Car Park was held in December 2012 and was widely publicised with adverts placed in the local press and marketing materials distributed to local businesses and residents.
- 627 visitors attended on the Sunday 09 December and 537 visited on the Tuesday 11 December, bringing the total number of exhibition attendees over the two days to 1,164.
- Most of the feedback offered, both verbally and through completed feedback forms, was supportive. In total, Stanhope received a 342 feedback forms.

- Of those who answered the question “*What is your view of the proposals shown at today’s public exhibition?*” 59.6 per cent were supportive. The main themes raised by respondents were:
 - The importance of better quality parking (including disabled parking)
 - The development should be in keeping with and complement Salisbury as a city
 - Stanhope and Wiltshire Council should continue to consult widely as the evolving proposals take shape.
 - There is a clear local desire to find an effective solution for the site entrance where the library is currently located.
 - The library itself is key to the development.
- Stanhope is particularly keen to involve younger people in the consultation to secure their feedback, and will make further efforts in this respect (for example, with Salisbury Youth Advisory Group).
- Stanhope remains in close contact with the local media and will continue to provide information to it to help keep the local community informed.
- The consultation will be responsive and adaptable. If new opportunities arise to involve other stakeholders, particularly ‘seldom heard’ groups, Stanhope will actively pursue them.

Development Agreement

- Stanhope is working closely with Wiltshire Council to finalise the Development Agreement. The main commercial terms were agreed at a Cabinet meeting in February.
- The signing of the Development Agreement represents a necessary milestone in the process of delivering the redevelopment of the Maltings and Central Car Park. Once signed, it will allow Stanhope to re-engage in consultation with local members and residents with the aim of driving forward this important step-change in Salisbury’s retail and leisure offer.

Area Board

- Realising that a number of members are new, Stanhope will meet the Area Board at the appropriate stage, following the signing of the Development Agreement.
- Stanhope realise the importance of the Area Board members in moving forward with the Maltings and Central Car Park scheme and thanks them for their continued interest and support.